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Contract Dispute Leaves Liberty's Parking Lot Covered in Snow

By Richard Dastardly

LIBERTY, Olentangy-- This past weekend, central Ohio received a large amount of snow, covering all driveways, roads, and parking lots. When arriving to school on Tuesday, students were shocked to see the parking lots barely plowed and all pathways still covered in slush and ice.

We asked the administration for a comment on why the parking lots were in such poor condition, and this is what we received: "*The contractor we regularly outsource to for plowing the parking lots drastically raised their rates and we couldn't find a suitable replacement in time.*"

After a quick montage of looking for clues, we deciphered that the contractor the school hired to plow the lot was 10 year old Jimmy Johnson, who attends Indian Springs Elementary School. Young Jimmy allegedly offered to plow Principal Starner's driveway after knocking on his door over the weekend, and Starner saw an opportunity that he just couldn't refuse.

We were able to sit down with Jimmy and get all the juicy details. Here is what Jimmy said: "To start, Mr. Starner handed me a big stack of paper and asked if I wanted to read through it. I can read chapter books no problem so I figured the documents wouldn't be a big deal. I signed them with Indigo crayon- it couldn't be undone."

Jimmy went on to explain that halfway through the job, he was feeling cold and tired, and chose to come inside briefly for a break. Jimmy then asked Starner if he could have a cup of cocoa, which prompted his immediate termination.

"This increase in rates was unexpected," explained Starner. *"The contract strictly states that part time workers will not receive benefits."*

With only half of the lot finished, Starner was concerned that the students may be in danger. However, he was eventually reassured by the knowledge that global warming would take care of the rest of the job.

Liberty Seniors Miss Incredible Day at School

By Jefferson Steelflex

LIBERTY, Olentangy-- Friday January 18th, 2019 was supposed to be an incredible day for the superintendent Mark Raiff. After overwhelming support for his surprise snow day and a great first semester by all of his Olentangy Liberty students, he wanted to celebrate the senior class of OLHS with a surprise "Senior Appreciation Day". He planned out an entire day full of fun activities, and invited the entire senior class to join him on this momentous occasion. With this in mind, it was a great shock to him that when he walked into his favorite high school in the district, no seniors had showed up.

The administration remains puzzled as to what phenomena could have resulted in the absence of nearly the entire senior class on the same day. Mr. Raiff was initially in tears, but eventually decided that it was really the seniors' loss. After all, they would've had a ton of fun with all the activities he planned. One reporter bravely entered school on that quiet Friday to receive an itinerary for the day's plans. We have copied it down below:

- A Bounce House (but one of the cool ones that looks like a castle)
- Slip n slides down the "UP ONLY" stairs
- Bonfires for smores in the gymnasium
- Gaga ball… to the death
- A $5,000 scholarship for all students in attendance

Mr. Raiff bounced on this alone in the gymnasium for a great deal of the day.

Food Review

By Frederick Durst

LIBERTY, Olentangy-- This past week I had the pleasure of sitting down for a meal in the OLHS cafeteria. The mood was set immediately by the tasteful screaming of its guests, and I was drawn in by their innovative system

for ordering. A delicious cheese sauce coated the buttons on the number pad as I punched in my account ID, which served as an exquisite prelude to the delicacy that was yet to come.

It was brought to my attention that I lacked sufficient funds, as my account hadn't updated. I can only assume that the messenger pigeon bringing my updated account statement was hindered by the inclement weather.

As I scanned the shelves, a culinary masterpiece caught my eye. I knew instantly that I must try the dried cranberries.

My pursuit of a degree in the culinary arts taught me plenty about the preparation of authentic dried cranberries, and much of the allure in this dish lies within the presentation. It is not difficult to mistake the bag for a chemical ingredient in a children's home science kit- an appetizing aesthetic. Upon removing the elegant plastic packaging, I was met with a fresh interpretation on the classic meal. Instead of separate berries, it was served in a single congealed slab allowing for more convenient consumption. The meal proved to be a healthy alternative to other dried snacks as well, as any weight that I put on after the meal I threw up vigorously in the bathroom shortly after.

Several Scheduling Records to be Broken for the 2019-20 School Year

By Lilliam Pumpernickel

LIBERTY, Olentangy-- Ah January. Such a wonderful time of the school year. Not only do we start getting snow days, the flu, and bad grades, but it is when scheduling starts. All of the writers at the Trebuchet concur that scheduling for next year is the most important time of the year. However, our sources inside the guidance office have told us they expect several records to be broken next year.

One of the most shocking rumors is that a student has scheduled to take 24 AP classes next year! This crushes the previous record of 16. This student's schedule consists of all 3 AP languages, AP Gym, and even AP Lunch. We're not sure how this all fits into one schedule, but we believe there may be time travel involved. This would confirm suspicions that the guidance counselors are actually practicers of black magic.

There's also an ongoing investigation of guidance counselors accepting bribes from students to have 8th lunch. We can assure you that any investigation is thoroughly handled by Deputy Peterson, but a strongly-worded parent email might do the trick.

Our analysts have warned that many of these rumors may amount to nothing, as anywhere from 400-1500 students will change their schedules after the supposed final due date.

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Dear Trebuchet,
What are some ways we can press pause?
From, Sans

Dear Sans,
After watching *Click*, starring Adam Sandler, our team of media savants have become experts on "Pressing Pause" Here are the best techniques that we have learned:
- Listen to Mo Bamba like a mother *fricken* proooooooooo
- Blindfold your children and row down a river
- Play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate ™ at Nintendo Club ™
- Hit the ⏸ button
- Not think about your impending doom
- Interfere in Passes
- idk Growth Mindset or something lol

Good luck Pressing Pause!

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